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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
KAZUOMI OISHI)
Application No.: 09/222,846)
Filed: December 30, 1998)
For: IMAGE INPUT)
APPARATUS, IMAGE)
INPUT METHOD,)
RECORDING MEDIUM, AND)
ENCRYPTION PROCESSING)
PROGRAM STORED IN)
COMPUTER-READABLE)
MEDIUM)
Examiner: D. Meislahn
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 18, 2002, please amend
the above-identified application as follows: